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H.Con.Res. 416—Congratulating the Navy League of the United States on the occasion of the centennial of the organization's founding (Schrock)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered today, June 24th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 416 would resolve that “Congress, on the occasion of the centennial of the founding of the Navy League of the United States in 1902, congratulates the Navy League and its members for their role as the foremost civilian organization dedicated to supporting the United States sea services.”

Additional Background: According to the resolution, the Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt to serve and support U.S. sea services (i.e. the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine). A civilian organization, the Navy League helps educate Americans about the sea services and does such things as adopt naval vessels, host commissioning ceremonies, and sponsor youth programs.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would authorize no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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H.J.Res. 95 — Designating an Official Flag of the Medal of Honor and Providing for Presentation of that Flag to Each Recipient of that Medal of Honor (Latham)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on today, June 24th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.J.Res. 95 includes several clauses regarding the Medal of Honor, including:

- “Whereas the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;”
- “Whereas the Medal of Honor was established by Congress during the Civil War to recognize soldiers who had distinguished themselves by gallantry in action;” and
- “Whereas the Medal of Honor is the Nation's highest military honor, awarded for acts of personal bravery or self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty.”

The resolution goes on to designate a flag designed in 2002 by a resident of Jefferson, Iowa as the Medal of Honor Flag and require the flag to be presented to all past and future Medal of Honor recipients.

Cost to Taxpayers: No cost estimate is available.

Does the Resolution Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: The resolution designates a Medal of Honor flag and requires its presentation to all Medal of Honor recipients.

Constitutional Authority: No committee report citing constitutional authority is available.

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